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For : IMAGING ELEMENT FOR ELECTRONIC ENDOSCOPES AND
ELECTRONIC ENDOSCOPE EQUIPPED WITH THE IMAGING
ELEMENT

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Official Action of February 28, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on May 31, 2005 (May 28, 2005, being a Saturday and May 30, 2005, being a Federal Holiday), and which has been extended to expire on June 28, 2005 by the attached Request for Extension of Time, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.